GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Dropout from Courses
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is a rise in the number of course dropouts from courses in Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) in the country;
(b) if so, the details of dropouts, institution-wise and reasons therefor;
(c) whether the Government taken steps to prevent suicides in prestigious institutes in the country; and
(d) if so, the details of steps taken by the Government with details of suicides happened during the last three years in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a) & (b) : No, Madam. The number of dropouts from courses in IITs and IIMs has been declining due to the proactive measures taken by these institutions. The students requiring academic support are being identified early and helped in coping with the academic stress. The details of the dropouts is in Annexure.
(c) & (d) : Five suicides have been reported in IITs/IIMs during the last three years. The following steps have been taken to prevent such incidents in future:
(i) The Guidance and Counselling Unit headed by a faculty member alongwith a number of faculty counsellors and faculty Advisors work closely to identify students facing emotional difficulties and guide them to professional counsellors for help.
(ii) Services of professional Counsellors have been taken to deal with extreme cases.
(iii) Student Mentoring Committees where senior students mentor junior students have been introduced.
(iv) Several facilities have been provided on campus for the students to distress, including sports facilities.
(v) Several workshops on stress management, problem-solving, self-esteem enhancement, assertiveness training and time management have been conducted to aid students.
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